

From the desk of;

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Dear Fire Chief,

The International Association of Fire Chief's, Great Lakes Division has endorsed a program designed to build the relationship between the Boy Scouts of America and the fire service. This year is the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in our country and the Scouts have been celebrating since last fall.

This October during National Fire Prevention Week, your local Scout units will be contacting you to request a small favor... they are looking to share some space at your local fire department open houses. They will do all of the work... all they need from you is the space and of course your support. They will be displaying and talking about the values and the excitement that surrounds Scouting. They will also have registration forms on hand to sign up new Scouts if any boy is interested. This is all part of a program appropriately titled "Get Fired Up Over Scouting".

All I ask is that you welcome your local Scout units with open arms and extend to them a warm reception. In the event where there may be several Scout units that approach you, then I would suggest a coordinated effort amongst the Scout units and your department. The Scout units are not competing for Scouts, but rather want to direct the prospective new Scouts to the unit that is closest to their home.

This is an exciting opportunity for both the fire service and the Scouting program to work together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!

Sincerely:

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